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VLADIMIR SAKHAROV
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A University of Arizona professor and students have raised enough money to keep a former Soviet KGB agent on the faculty for at least one more semester.

Vladimir Sakharov, who defected to the United States in 1972 and became a CIA agent, will teach two courses on the Soviet Union during the fall semester.

Sakharov, 39, came to the university in January as a visiting professor. He taught three classes.

In May, university officials said Sakharov would not be kept on because of a lack of funds.

A drive to raise money to keep Sakharov was launched by John Garrard, head of the Slavic and Russian languages department.

"Summer is a rough time to raise funds, and what we do have available has come from grants and private donations and is only enough to pay his salary for a semester," Garrard said.

He said fund raising will continue to allow Sakharov to stay for the spring semester.

"What we have put together is not perfect, but we are mighty pleased that such a popular figure, successful lecturer and teacher is going to be on our faculty," Garrard said.